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State Treasurer Richard Mourdock Announces Future Leaders Award Winner

Student wins \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan Account

FISHERS, IN (April 29, 2008) – State Treasurer Richard Mourdock announced seventh grade student Colton Heiniger as the winner of the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*. In a ceremony at Fishers Junior High School, Jodi Golden, the Executive Director of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, presented Colton with a \$1,000 scholarship account in front of his family, teachers, and fellow classmates.

“The *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* is a program that awards a Hoosier student for demonstrating leadership qualities in their school and community,” explained Treasurer Mourdock. “Colton’s commitment to academic excellence and community service make him an exceptional candidate for this award.”

Colton Heiniger was nominated for the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* by his science teacher, Brent Farrell, who describes him as leader among his peers. “Colton has a compassion for others that is second to none for a young person his age,” explained Farrell. “Whether he is volunteering at church, the local medical clinic, or helping his peers, Colton is determined to make a positive contribution to his community.”

Throughout the school year, Treasurer Mourdock presents the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*, which provides a \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan account, to students who exemplify any one or combination of the following: community service; progress/improvement in a specific area; overcoming personal obstacles; and/or excellence in academics, athletics, arts or music. In addition to Colton receiving the award, his school received \$250 to be used to foster its own leadership activities.

Nominations for the on-going program may be submitted by anyone who knows a student deserving of the award. For complete program rules and a nomination form, go online to www.collegechoiceplan.com/leaders or call 317-232-5259.

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock serves as the Chairman of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, which oversees the CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan. The CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan is a state and federal tax advantaged program, which allows families to invest for future higher education expenses. Hoosiers interested in saving for a loved-one’s college education are encouraged to visit the CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan website at www.collegechoiceplan.com or call 866-400-PLAN (7526) for more information.